

TEXAS IMMUNIZATION STAKEHOLDER WORKING GROUP (TISWG)
June 23, 2005
MEETING SUMMARY

As requested by the TISWG, an orientation was held for new members and Subject Matter Experts before the general meeting.

8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. NEW MEMBER AND SUBJECT MATTER EXPERTS ORIENTATION MEETING

1. Participants:

Steve Rye- Texas Workforce Commission
Decrecia Robinson- Houston Department of Health and Human Services
Jennifer O'Toole – St. David's Foundation
Dr. Neil S. Levy- Texas Osteopathic Medical Association
Kelcey Edwards- Texas Medical Association

Department of State Health Services (DSHS) staff:

Maribel Ozuna- Pharmacy Branch
Jean Hanson- Texas Health Steps
Fawn Escalante- Office of Communications
Tracie Wood-Cardiovascular Health and Wellness Program

DSHS-Disease Prevention and Intervention Section (DPI) staff:

David Scott, Tim Hawkins

2. Welcome and Introductions of staff and participants

All participants were introduced.

3. Presentation:

There was a brief presentation about the Texas Immunization Stakeholders Working Group (Who and why we are)

Discussion included:

- Texas Immunization System (Handout: Orientation slide presentation packet.)
- TISWG Charge (Handout-background and purpose, objectives and activities, work group participating programs.)
- TISWG Members.
- History of previous meetings.

4. Why Subject Matter Experts (SME's)?

A brief discussion was given to explain SME's.

5. What we have achieved this far

- Status update (handout from the February 3, 2005 meeting.)
- Previous meetings and handouts (optional).

6. **Website Resource:** www.ImmunizeTexas.com. Handout: Immunization Branch web page and web page regarding TISWG and other partnerships.

7. **Other Handouts:**

- Best Practices for Increasing Immunization Rates In Texas (background, registries, reminder/recall systems, public/provider education, promote a medical home for all children.)
- Importance of Vaccines – (background, current situation, recommendations.)
- Why Vaccination is Critical to the Public Health (background, conclusion.)

8. **Questions** - Time was allowed for questions.

9. **Adjourned**